

I am more than superficially concerned about the issue of Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. I have just returned from a trip to seven countries in Eastern Europe and have clearly seen the results of years of government manipulation and control. The control of our airwaves brings with it the obligation to serve the public and present information helpful in strengthening our democracy. What Sinclair is proposing is a clear example of dangerous manipulation by Sinclair, which is obligated by law to serve the public interest free of charge, and this action is frightening!

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.